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Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary	Control No.	Patent Under Reexamination
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c) Personal (copy given to: 1) patent owner 2) patent owner's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: All, generally

Identification of prior art discussed: All relied upon

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant presented proposed amendments to the claims which eliminated features of the claims. Examiner suggested (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Applicant to be reconsidered on filing a formal response

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